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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

[Redacted]  
Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking

SUBJECT: Possible Reduction of Air Force Translation of  
Soviet Documents

1. (U) Action Requested: None. This is for your information only.

2. (C) Background:

a. You may recall discussing our Open Source Collection (OSCOL) review at the 4th of August luncheon meeting. You mentioned that you had heard that the Air Force is cutting back its program of translation of Soviet papers in the field of military doctrine, and you asked whether this is correct.

b. We have made a number of checks on this subject, and are unable to find any indication to that effect. The Air Force's Soviet Awareness program, which is particularly concerned with Soviet military doctrine, uses some of the same facilities we are dealing with in our OSCOL review. None of them is aware of any cutback in translations.

c. The translation facility which directly supports the Air Force's Soviet Awareness program, as well as other Air Force interests in Soviet doctrinal material, is the Literature Research Division of the Air Force Intelligence Service (AFIS) Directorate of Soviet Affairs (AFIS/INCF). It is presently processing its 15th volume in the continuing "Soviet Military Thought" series with volumes 16-18 at various manuscript stages. The monthly AFIS "Soviet Selected Press Translations," a regular 30-40 page selection of Soviet writings on military doctrine, strategy and foreign affairs, continues undiminished. [Redacted] who heads the Division, advises that the "Soviet Military Concepts" series is also continuing without reduction. This series, which consists of selected translations of the "Soviet Military Encyclopedia," was originally planned to be a total translation; it has been reduced to selections for copyright reasons, not because of manpower reductions.

d. I trust that this responds to your query.

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